

Fashion TRENDS

Five Fashion Tips To Flatter Your Plus-Size Figure

(NAPSA)—Finding chic and stylish clothing in plus sizes is easier than ever—thanks to more companies that offer fashion-forward designs. But some women still wonder how to make these trend-right designs work for their plus-size figures.

Christine Alt, a top model who helped establish the plus-size modeling industry, understands what plus-size women want and need from their fashions.

Now, Alt has joined Woman Within®, a catalog and online retailer offering figure-flattering and stylish clothes for the plus-size woman at www.womanwithin.com. In her new role as style consultant, Alt shares fashion advice on issues such as vacation essentials and dressing to complement your figure.

“I know firsthand how frustrating it can be to sort through racks of baggy, bulky clothes,” explains Alt. “As a plus-size woman, I want to wear what looks good on me and what works for my body. I’m excited to share a few secrets that I’ve picked up in the fashion industry that will help women find clothes to accentuate their curves and give them confidence in the way they look.”

Alt’s top five tips will help flatter your plus-size figure:

• **Hit the scene in jeans:** Find the style that flatters your figure. Try a pair of boot-cut jeans—with a slight flare at the bottom—to create a slimming silhouette. Regardless of the shape or style, jeans should be the go-everywhere, do-anything staple in your wardrobe.

• **Go long:** For a relaxed look, choose a T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt that hits below the hips.



Christine Alt models the latest fashions—great for a night on the town.

Details such as tie sleeves, embroidery and keyhole necklines help draw attention to the upper half of your body—away from areas you’re trying to cover up.

• **Wrap things up:** Figure-hugging fabrics like matte jersey and mock-wrap dresses make women feel sexy and comfortable at the same time. Stretchy fabrics create shapes and curves, and drape to enhance all the right areas.

• **Work it, woman:** Trade your basic black business suit for more updated, stylish career clothing. Try a crisp white shirt with a bold print skirt or a buttonless blazer with slim-leg pants for a chic twist on classic professional attire.

• **Underneath it all:** The key to looking your best is starting with the basics. A well-fitting bra that doesn’t dig, pull or tug is the secret weapon that begins every flattering outfit.